sion of SC/STs and Minorities in Selection Committee/Boards have been implemented by his Ministry;

(b) if so, what are the names of such bodies under his Ministry where the instructions have been implemented;

(c) what are the names of bodies which have not implemented the instruction so far and the reasons therefor; and

(d) what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

**Gandhar Gas based Power Project**

1031. SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Government has ever asked the Central Government that the Gandhar gas based power project should be for peak load purposes and not for based load;

(b) if so, when this request was received; and

(c) what is the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) A proposal for Gas based combined cycle power station at Gandhar (615 MW) has been received from Gujarat Electricity Board (GEB) for base load operation.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The project cleared by the Central Electricity Authority from techno-economic angle in October, 1989, is under examination of the Planning Commission.

**Substitution for diesel**

1032. SHRI KAMESHWAR PASWAN:
SHRI RAGHAVJI:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state the steps being taken by Government to reduce the dependence of industry on diesel for the generation of power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): In order to reduce the dependence on diesel for power generation, various measures are being taken to improve the availability of power in the country which include maximisation of generation from existing power stations, early stabilisation of newly commissioned units, implementation of short gestation projects, reduction in Transmission and Distribution losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas.

**Purchase of Ground handling equipments**

1033. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Airlines row drains exchequer while Ministry looks on" which appeared in the 'Indian Express', New Delhi of the 14th August, 1991;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed for procurement of brand new ground handling equipments worth Rs. 1 crore by the two airlines;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken to utilise this equipment?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Air India has not purchased any new ground handling equipment for positioning the same at Trivandrum airport. Equipment acquired by Indian Airlines will be used by it to supplement the ground handling equipment at other major bases and here is no wastage.

**मध्य प्रदेश में तेल शोधक कारखाना**

1034. **श्री राघवजी :** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि अगस्त, 1991 में मध्य प्रदेश विधान सभा ने सर्वसम्मति से एक प्रस्ताव पारित किया था कि उस राज्य में एक तेल शोधक कारखाना स्थापित किया जाए ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उस पर केंद्रीय सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ;

(ग) क्या इस संबंध में पहले किसी प्रकार के परीक्षण किए गए हैं, यदि हां, तो उन परीक्षणों का क्या परिणाम निकला है ; और

(घ) यदि उपर्युक्त मांग उचित है, तो उक्त तेल-शोधक कारखाने के कब तक चालू हो जाने की संभावना है ?

**पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री (श्री बी. शंकरानन्द) :** (क) से (घ) मध्य प्रदेश सरकार के अनुसार मध्य प्रदेश विधान सभा ने एक प्रस्ताव पारित किया है जिसमें भारत सरकार से अनुरोध किया गया है कि वे अन्य परियोजनाओं के साथ-साथ मध्य प्रदेश में एक ग्रासरूट रिफाइनरी की मंजूरी दें। मैसर्स भारत पट्रोलियम कारपोरेशन लिमिटेड (बी०पी० सी०एल०) ने मध्य प्रदेश भारत में 6 एम० टी० पी० ए० की ग्रासरूट रिफाइनरी स्थापित करने का प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत किया है। यह प्रस्ताव सरकार के विचाराधीन है।

**Performance of rural electrification Corporation Schemes during the original time frame**

1035. SHRI JAGDISH PRASAD MATHUR:
SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of rural electrification projects sanctioned by R.E.C. upto 31st March, 1991;

(b) what is the number of Rural Electrification Schemes, which as per the time frame set out in original sanctioned schemes have achieved targets upto (i) 100 per cent (ii) 75 to 100 per cent (iii) 50 to 75 per cent, (iv) 25 to 50 per cent and (p) below 25 per cent; and

(c) whether Government propose to enuire into (i) reasons for shortfalls in timely achievement of project targets, (ii) relevance and usefulness of Rural Electrification Corporation in ensuring timely achievement of Project targets, as originally sanctioned by it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) The total number of rural electrification projects sanctioned by Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) upto 31.3.1991 was 23,071.